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REMARKS

The objections to the drawings has been addressed with the changes to the

drawings and specification.

The objection to Claim 5 is not well taken and reconsideration is

respectfully requested. Regardless how arguably similar in wording Claims 1

and 5 are, they cover different categories of inventions. Claim 1 being directed to

a process and Claim 5 being directed to an apparatus for carrying out that

process. From an infringement point of view, the direct infringers of each

category of claim is likely to be different, and the measure of damages may also

be differently quantifiable.

The rejection of Claims 1-8 as being anticipated by Boettinger et al. under

35 USC §102(e) is traversed, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Reference is made to Figs. 2 and 4 of the present application in which the

output signal of the steering controller or transmission 5 is in each embodiment

input to the braking control system 3. That is, the operation of the braking

control system operates independence upon the steering control system to

evaluate steering control system information.

In contrast, the Boettinger et al. patent describes steering and braking

controllers 24, 25, respectively, operating independently of one another as can be

seen in Fig. 2. The braking controller thus does not evaluate information form

the steering controller in the Boettinger et al. process.

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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 1 and Fig. 3. The heading Prior Art has been added

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

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Accordingly, early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #080437.52299US).

Respectfully submitted,

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